from New Jalpaiguri to Delhi has been received by Government ; and

(b) if so, what decision Government have taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Arrears of freight charges

3672. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the amounts of arrears due from private parties as freight charges, wharfage, demurrage charged, expenditure for building railways, the sidings and other structures and annual charges therefor during the last three years, year-wise ;

(b) the amount waived off during the above period year-wise and the reasons therfor ;

(c) what steps Government propose to take to recover these arrears and penalise the defaulters; and

(d) whether these deaulters are still being provided with these services and facilities without realising full charges ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Represetation from Khokha Union, Railway Premises, Mansa in Pumjab

3673. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether Minister has received a representation dated 9th March, 1992 from President of Khokha Union, Railway Premises, Mansa, Bhatinda District, Puniab seeking protection against ecviction of their members who are doing shoe-making business and earning their livelihood since long ;

(b) whether Government are taking steps to provide them alternate sites so that these Poor people are no uprooted ; and

(c) whether these poor people would be allowed at the present sites on humanitarian grounds ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARAJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The responsibility for rehabilitation of the affected people, if considered necessary on humanitarian grounds, rests with the State Government.

Pay Scale of Commercial Couriers in Western Railway

3674. SHRI RAMCHANDRAN PILLAI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a cadre known as Commercial Couriers in Western Railway have been provided with higher pay scale of Rs. 260-430 ;

(b) if so, the reasons for not extending the same to similar cadre in the North-Eastern Frontier Railway ;

(c) whether higher pay scale is granted to such cadre in North-Eastern Railway also ; and

(d) whether Government propose to consider granting higher pay scale to commerciale ouriers of N.F. Railway also ?